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WANTS FULL INFORMATION

United States Does Know What
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quired by Nations.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information as to their exact meaning in seeking a "just and permanent peace" is the whole purpose of the note addressed to all the belligerents by President Wilson. The United States desires a full, practical and detailed statement from each of the governments addressed. This outline, and what follows, was stated officially today for the administration.

This government does not know and feels that it has been given no real means of knowing, of what terms would be required by each of the belligerents to make peace. It regards the recent speeches of the leading statesmen in all countries as vague and undefined and sees nothing in them that would enable a conference to draw up a treaty. All speak of the rights of small nations, the repugnance of conquest, and the guarantees of a permanent peace, but no one nation has yet gone into what it means by those phrases in a way that the government of the United States can understand.

Wants France to Tell.

Recent press comment has been taken to enhance that vagueness. France, for instance, has not disclosed what it considers a just peace means the evacuation of its northern provinces, or in addition to that the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine, or if in addition to both those claims it expects a money indemnity for the damage of invasion, or beyond that if it has an actual program for doing away with so-called German militarism. In short, the United States asks what would it accept today as the basis of peace.

Similar issues apply to all the belligerent nations merely in a varying form. What President Wilson wants is their details. As the largest neutral facing grave problems, and as the friend of all parties concerned, the United States feels most earnestly that it is entitled to know those facts. Unless some one of the groups lays in its actual terms, there will be no basis for negotiation and no possibility of peace till the world is bled whole, officials declare.

Wants Starting Place.

There is not the slightest expectation here that the terms laid down will be reconcilable at first. It is known that some of the terms will demand what in actuality is impossible. Nevertheless the naming of those terms will afford a basis of negotiation, a starting place from which the conflicting interests can begin to converge.

Not is any embargo on being seen any of the nations in naming such terms. It is understood in advance that they are not to fluctuate with the military changes and are not permanently binding under new conditions. Whatever any nation feels must be included in its terms for peace can also be added to the terms without embarrassment, it is said.

Ready to Enter Agreement.

As to permanent guarantees, it was officially declared that the United States stands ready to enter any kind (Continued on page 2, first section.)

GOODS TIED UP

In the City of Chicago Now as
Never before Due to a
Variety of Cases.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An unprecedented congestion of Christmas goods in the city of Chicago, it was learned today, is due to a variety of causes, including cold weather, congestion of freight cars which adds to the delay in switching and to the great volume of business.

At the Union Stock Yards, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, the Chicago and Alton, Pennsylvania and the Milwaukee and St. Paul at the big modern terminal of the Chicago and Northwestern and elsewhere yard crews were working frantically to move the traffic.

In the Illinois Central yards there were thirty-two cars of express shipments, mostly of a yuletide character waiting to be unloaded and at the yardmaster's office, it was said, many persons would be lucky if Christmas presents reached them by New Year's. The Illinois Central and the Michigan Central were using their fruit sheds in the freight yards for express.

NO NEWSPEAPERS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—No newspapers will be issued in Omaha on Christmas day. This will be the first time the morning papers have missed an issue since their establishment. In making the announcement they give as their reason a desire to conserve the paper supply.

NOTE APPROVED

By One Foreign Newspaper
Any Way and That is Some
Consolation.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
ROME, Dec. 23, via Paris 3:30 p. m.—The Popolo Romano in its comment on President Wilson's note to the belligerents alludes to its issuance as the great world event of the day. Its tone is characterized as friendly, but firm, with a certain accent of the judge who proposes to yield the sword of Solomon wishing to end the war.

The Paris and London press, this newspaper thinks, has not caught the true meaning of the note and it expresses belief that after mature consideration it will find its first impressions altered, at least in part. Indeed, adds the Popolo Romano, it is unwise to give the impression that the Entente Allies are wounded by the president's note, which it says asks in the main the intentions of each group of belligerents to ascertain if a speedy peace is possible and regulate the future actions of America toward promoting integrity and justice among the nations.

MILLS ARE BURNED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—Wood's Knitting Mills, at Hawley, were burned today, causing a loss of \$50,000, and making 100 operatives idle. The fire destroyed fifty machines made in Germany, which cannot now be replaced.

AN OUSTER LAW WILL BE SOUGHT

At the Hands of the Legislature
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(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
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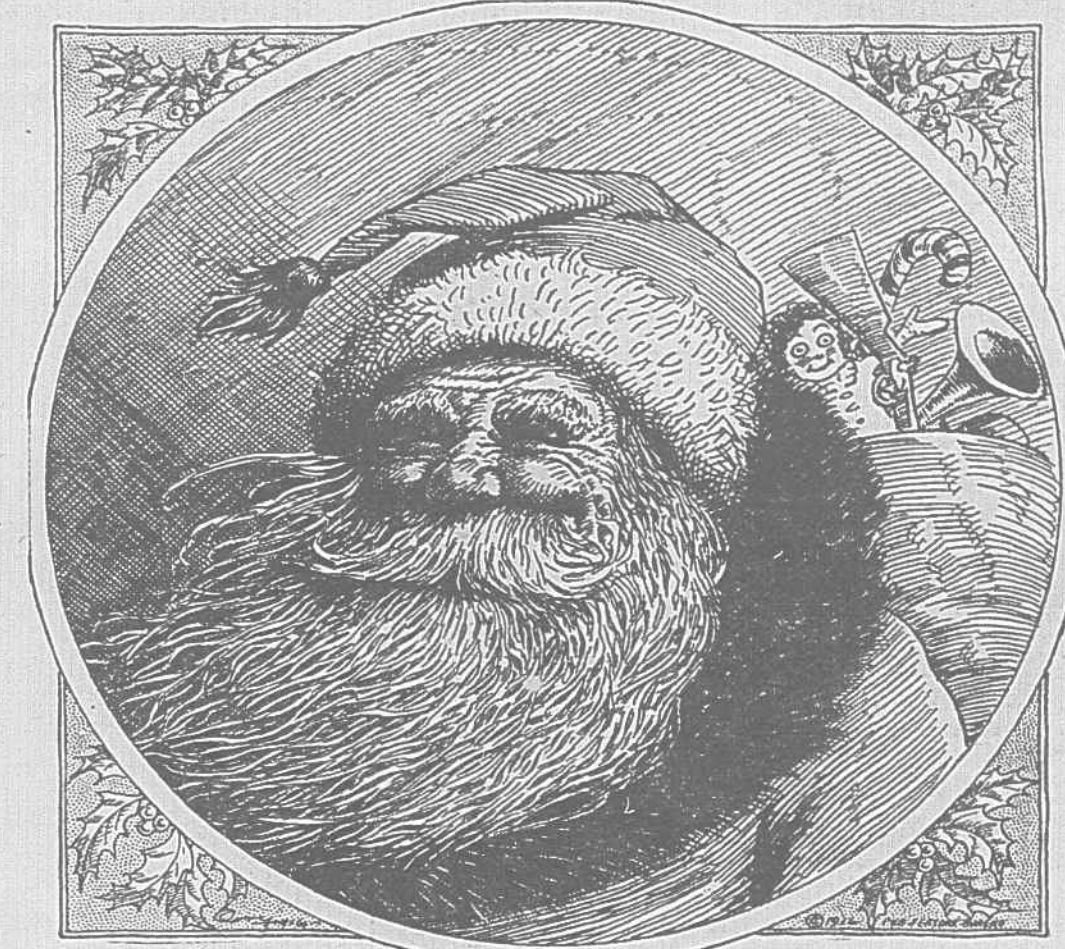
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(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
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LEADERSHIP OF MR. MANN REPUDIATED

By Representative Gardner on
Account of His Endorsement
of Wilson's Peace Note.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, in a statement here tonight repudiates the leadership in Congress of Representative James R. Mann, because of his endorsement of President Wilson's peace note to the European belligerents and says he will support Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker when Congress convenes. The statement follows:

"I have read the endorsement which the leader of my party in Congress gave yesterday to President Wilson's offer of interference in European affairs. This is the fourth or fifth time that Leader Mann has given encouragement to Germany's wicked cause. So far as I am concerned I shall tolerate such leadership no longer."

"I believe that the happiness of the world requires the destruction of the dynasties of the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns. For that reason with very sincere regret I repudiate Congressman Mann's leadership. I shall support Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker when Congress convenes."

HARRY ARKLE

Managing Editor of Wheeling
Register Drops Dead on
Way to Office.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WHEELING, Dec. 23.—Harry Vincent Arkle, 48, managing editor of the Wheeling Register, dropped dead this afternoon at 2:30 while walking from his home to the Register office.

Mr. Arkle, who had been in newspaper work since the age of 17, had been a sufferer from heart trouble for several years.

He was one of the best known newspaper men in the state and an editorial writer of state wide renown.

He is survived by his wife and two brothers, Edward A. Arkle, editor of the Wheeling Telegraph, and Robert A. Arkle, also of Wheeling.

WHEELING NEWSPAPERS

Announce Increases in Sub-
scription Price to Become
Effective January 1.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WHEELING, Dec. 23.—Effective January 1, the subscription rates of the Register and Intelligencer, Wheeling's morning newspapers, will be increased. The daily rate will be increased from ten to thirteen cents per week, six days, for each paper. The weekly rate for the Register, Sunday and daily, will be increased to eighteen cents.

The increase was made necessary by increased cost of paper and other materials. No announcement of increase for the News and the Telegraph, afternoon papers, has been made.

VISIT

To Charleston Is to Be Made
by the Armor Plate Board
next Month.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, today sent the following telegram to S. P. Puffer, secretary of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce:

"The armor plate board, of which Rear Admiral P. F. Fletcher, U. S. Navy, is president, will probably visit Charleston early in January. You will receive due notification from the board."

Charleston is one of two West Virginia cities still being considered as a possible location for a proposed \$11,000,000 federal armor plate plant.

DR. ASBURY CAN ACT AS NOTARY

Says the Attorney General as
His Pardon Restored Full
Rights of Citizenship.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—That his pardon was unconditional and restored him to the full rights of citizenship in West Virginia was the gist of an opinion rendered Saturday by Attorney A. A. Lilly in a letter to Dr. H. F. Asbury, of Putnam county, who made inquiry as to whether or not he had authority to act as a notary public for Putnam county.

Dr. Asbury, of Liberty, was one of the members of the legislature of 1913 convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for bribery in connection with the election of a United States senator. Later he was given an unconditional pardon by Governor Hatfield. The letter of the attorney general is explanatory:

"I am of the opinion that your right to act in the capacity of notary is impaired by virtue of your conviction," the letter reads, "and sentence above referred to but that you have full authority to act as notary public in and for Putnam county as in your commission specified and as otherwise provided by law."

HEAVY COST

To Save the Stranded Diver
According to Man Who
Makes Inspection.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 23.—It will cost at least \$80,000 to save the United States submarine H-3 from the breakers north of here, according to H. B. Whitelaw, of San Francisco, whom the navy department sent to inspect the stranded diver.

The submarine was rolling violently today in the surf where it struck the beach last week during a heavy fog.

"BOOZE" SPECIALS

And Extra Coaches and Street
Cars Are Run to and
from Kentucky.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
HUNTINGTON, Dec. 23.—The last day's travel to Catlettsburg, Ky., for liquor became so heavy that the local interurban company was forced to put all available rolling stock into service to handle the crowd while the railroad ran two special trains besides adding extra coaches to all regular trains.

The demand for liquor was so great at Catlettsburg that several truck loads of whiskey were brought in from Iron, O., but this was not sufficient and later a special train with liquor arrived from Louisville. Saloonists of Catlettsburg say this year's business has been far greater than any ever experienced in that place.

REFUGEES SAFE.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Reliable reports received here this afternoon say large numbers of refugees from Torreon have reached San Luis Potosi. It was reported that nothing official was forthcoming regarding reports that Torreon had been captured by Villa forces.

"ROUND ROBIN" PROBE IS DONE

BREWERS LOSE
Before Federal Judge and Now
Must Stand Trial on Cor-
rupt Practices Charge.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Judge W. H. S. Thompson in United States district court late today handed down an opinion holding valid the federal corrupt practices act under which indictments were found against seventy-two brewery corporations of Pennsylvania and the United States Brewers' Association of New York.

Basing his decision on the proposition that the United States government has equal concern with the different states in preserving the freedom of the voters and the purity of the ballot, Judge Thompson directed the indicted corporation to stand trial on 101 indictments for alleged corrupt use of brewery funds in the 1914 election of a United States senator and members of Congress in Pennsylvania.

The decision resulted from a motion of the defendants to dismiss the indictments on the ground that the federal corrupt practices act was unconstitutional.

CROMPTON EXCHANGED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
BERLIN, Dec. 23.—By wireless to Sayville, Lieutenant Crompton, commander of the German submarine U-41, has been exchanged and sent to Switzerland. He was one of the two survivors of the U-41, which was sunk by the British.

On the Mexican Border and the
Report is Forwarded to
General Bell.

OFFICERS WILL RESIGN
Privates Who Signed It Will Be
Lectured and Warned Not
to Repeat Conduct.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—The formal investigation of the "round robin" signed by approximately 400 members of the Eighth Ohio Infantry has been completed by Major Ely of General George Bell's staff and the report forwarded to General Bell.

The "round robin" was prepared as a protest against camp conditions in the Ohio camp and was intercepted before it reached an Ohio newspaper. It was understood here today that the recommendation of the regular army inspector following his investigation was that the twenty or more non-commissioned officers who signed the "round robin" be asked to resign and return to the ranks as privates. It was also recommended in the report, according to reliable information that the men who signed the paper be given a lecture on the duties of soldiers and warned that their action was unumilitary. Because of their brief service they were not to be further disciplined, it was said.

The case of Private Richard Dixon, who was said to have prepared the round robin will be taken up further and it was said today, a general court-martial might be recommended for him.

TRAIN BLOWN

Up by Villa Followers and a
Number of Soldiers Are
Massacred.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Villa followers blew up a train at Carneros, forty-seven miles south of Saltillo, December 21, killing a number of Constitutional soldiers. According to information believed to be reliable which reached the border this afternoon, according to this information a number of the soldiers were massacred after having escaped injury from the explosion.

BIG WAGE INCREASE.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Adams Express Company announced today that additional monthly pay to employees, already made and to be made in lieu of a contingent bonus, will increase the annual salary of each by \$1,000,000. The increase thus far given amounted to \$500,000 a year, it was stated.

GIFTS GALORE

Are Sent to the Soldiers of the
Punitive Expedition of
America into Mexico.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five thousand dollars would not cover the cost of presents sent to the soldiers of the United States punitive expedition in the last day by the committee in charge of the Christmas celebration. Nothing of parsimony has been displayed by the senders. It was said that the value of more than 10,000 packages to be distributed averaged nearly \$3 each. Although the majority of the gifts have come from various Red Cross chapters, hundreds have come from individuals.

The six large tents where the packages are stored, resemble department stores. Among the large consignments are 41,000 cigars, 10,000 pounds of candy, 300 pounds of smoking tobacco, 6,000 comfort bags, 2,000 Christmas packages, barrels of home-made jellies and two complete sets of baseball equipment. The list of contents of one shipment of comfort bags shows the usefulness of this class of Christmas remembrance. Each bag holds a complete "housewife," a package of tobacco with cigarette papers, writing paper and envelopes, dental floss, tooth brush and powder, pencil and shoe strings. Many of the packages come wrapped in handkerchiefs while one shipment was in the form of a big woolen sock, well stuffed with gifts.

HEAVY BETTING.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Dec. 23.—9:50 p. m.—A Frankfurt dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company via Rotterdam, says there was heavy betting on the Berlin exchange today and that a change would be signed before August. The same dispatch says that the German emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

INDIANAPOLIS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—The greatest amount of coal in the history of the state for any one year was mined in Indiana in the twelve months ended September 30, 1916, according to the report of Michael Scollard, state mine inspector, made public today. The estimated total number of short tons was 18,738,456. In spite of the increased amount of coal taken out Indiana has suffered a shortage of coal this winter.

The wages paid to miners during the fiscal year were \$15,665,359.47. Amount paid men working at the strip mines or in mines employing less than ten persons are not included in that amount.

There were forty-eight fatal accidents, six less than during the previous year.

There was an average of 22,600 persons employed in and about the mines.